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A Message from Director Caruso to MDOC Staff:

As part of my commitment to keep you informed of information that affects our department, I want to share something with you.

Earlier today the Office of the State Employer gave a 30 day notice to the unions that represent Michigan's state employees that layoffs -- both temporary and indefinite -- could occur if the state's budget crisis is not resolved.

This notice does not mean that layoffs are definite or that they are imminent. Because there is no final budget resolution at this moment, there is no additional information to provide about whether a layoff will have to occur or whether contingency plans for operating state government under severe budget cuts will have to be implemented. While we do expect budget cuts to occur, no final decisions have yet been made about the size of the cuts, program reductions, layoff plans or specifics of any layoffs.

While the Governor is working with the Legislature to resolve this crisis immediately the state is taking appropriate measures to plan in the event the Legislature does not provide a comprehensive, responsible solution to the budget.

It is my sincere hope -- and the Governor's -- that this crisis is resolved quickly and in a way that preserves the critical work you all do for so many people of this state.

Details will continue to be published in the **F.Y.I.** as they become available.

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